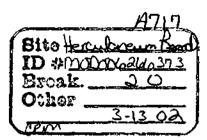


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The Honorable Bob Holden
Governor of the State of Missouri
Room 216 State Capitol
Jefferson City MO 65101

Dear Governor Holden

Thank you for your letter of March 12 2002. I am pleased that you are taking a personal interest in Herculaneum. I committed publicly and reaffirm today my goal is there are no children in Herculaneum with elevated blood leads.

We look forward to meeting with members of your staff and agencies to report on our progress and additional steps that can be taken to accomplish our goals. There seems to be some confusion regarding a plan that Department of Natural Resources is expecting from The Doe Run Company on March 15. We assume with your convening of this meeting, that we can use the meeting to address any plans that need to be submitted and discuss the needed content.

My staff is available to meet in Jefferson City as soon as possible. We suggest Monday. March 18 or Tuesday. March 19

Sincerely

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